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## 1. The Bulgarian Merchant Marine fleet consists of the following ships:

- a. BULGARIA, 7,500 tons, the largest;
- b. RODINA, 5,500 tons, at present in the port of La Spezia, Italy, being converted from coal to oil;
- c. NIKOLA VAPTZAROV, 3,500 tons, the only ship to carry both passengers and cargo;
- d. KHRISTO SMIRNENSKI, 3,200 tons;
- e. DIMITUR KONDOV, 800 tons;
- f. BLAGOI KASABOV, 800 tons;
- g. PURVI MAI, 950 tons;
- h. RILA, 550 tons;
- i. DOBRUDZHA, 350 tons;
- j. KALIAKRA, 220 tons, carries passengers only; and
- k. EMONA, 220 tons, carries passengers only.

2. The VAPTZAROV and the KHRISTO SMIRNENSKI were constructed at Antwerp, Belgium, and were acquired [ ] Negotiations are presently under way with East 50X1-HUM

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Germany to acquire seven transoceanic liners with which Bulgaria intends to extend its shipping activities to China.

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3. The Bulgarian Merchant Marine comes under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Maritime Transportation which, in turn, is under the Ministry of Transportation. Dancho Dimitrov is Minister of Transportation and the Assistant Minister is Petur Dimitrov, [redacted] The Directorate of Maritime Transportation is located at No. 2, Lege Street in Sofia. Tremal Ivanov, [redacted] is the Director of the Bulgarian Merchant Marine. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. Georgi Matov, [redacted] is the Communist Party Secretary of the Bulgarian Merchant Marine. Georgi Genov, [redacted] is [redacted] chief of the UVT (Upravlenie na Vodki Transport; Water Transportation Management) in the Directorate of Maritime Transportation. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
5. Metodi Pandov Kusov, who is known as Metodi Krimski, is the director of the entire Bulgarian coastal region. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
6. The Bulgarian Merchant Marine is organized along the lines of its Soviet counterpart. Central management, fees, rules, regulations, and ship orders, have all been copied from the Soviet statutes and regulations for maritime transportation.
7. Bulgaria trades primarily with the USSR. Its principal exports are tobacco, much alcohol, almost its entire production of manufactured goods, much cement; and a lesser quantity of cheese and other general food products. Bulgarian ships also transport cement from Constanta, Rumania, to the USSR, stopping at Odessa; when Bulgarian ships carry other cargo, they sometimes go as far as Batum. On the return from the USSR, the ships carry various types of iron machinery for factories and a large quantity of silicon to be used as artificial fertilizer.
8. [redacted] officers and specialists of the Bulgarian Merchant Marine fleet have been recalled for a three months' period of instruction in the Bulgarian Navy. Those who make good grades and who are politically reliable may remain in permanent service with the rank they held as reservists. 50X1-HUM

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